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RAISING HORSES FOR PROFIT

Every Available Sound Mare Should Be Bred to Meet the Demand Caused by European War.

Ever since the first days of bicycles some have thought that the breeding of horses would become unprofitable. Meanwhile the horse has kept its place among domestic animals and we now have more than ever before. With the European war on us and so many horses being killed in battle the near future probably will see a greater demand for horses than at any time in the last century.

It is not advisable to breed a mare having serious defects, but every sound mare available should be bred to a stallion to produce stock to supply the coming demand. Don't think you are economizing to breed to some



Excellent Farm Type.

defective or disreputable stallion rather than pay a little higher price for the service of a good one.

Two years ago a farmer who had two mares of equal value bred one to a low-grade horse, the other to a good one. The colts had the same treatment in every respect. At weaning time he refused \$100 for the better colt and could not find a buyer at \$50 for the other. This demonstrates the benefit of breeding from the best. It takes no more to raise a good animal than a scrub, and the selling price is generally twice as much or more, and a buyer is much easier found.

GOOD MATERIAL FOR GROWTH

Alfalfa, Either in Green State or as Hay, is One of the Best Feeds for the Young Pigs.

The pig which does not grow, but merely gets fat, is likely to die of "thumps." Corn makes fat. The small grains are richer in the things that make the bone and muscle needed if the pig is to grow. Two parts of shorts to one of corn is a growth ration rather than a fat ration.

Skim milk furnishes a good material for growth if fed with a little corn. When the shoats reach the weights of about 75 pounds, the feed may be made of one part of tankage to ten parts of corn, or one of the small grains. Small grains should be ground or crushed.

Alfalfa, either in the green state or as hay, is one of the best of feeds for the young pig. It feeds the bones and muscles, but should have corn to render it complete. These ideas have been found correct by the Nebraska station. Those who have not the alfalfa may grow rape as a growth crop. It is equal to alfalfa in materials for bone and muscle.

Pigs Need Protein.
Growing pigs need more protein than they can get from corn and pasture. Skim milk is fine for them and so is meat meal or tankage. In the writer's experience there is no better thing for growing pigs on pasture, that are getting some corn, than a slop made of shorts with a little tankage added. It sure helps a pig to make a hog of himself in quick time.

Keep the Colt Sleek.
A few minutes every day with brush and comb would keep the colt sleek. It is when we let this work slip by that we have to turn the little fellow out and leave him to get rid of dust and dirt.

Breed to Pure-Bred Stock.
If everybody insisted that they must breed their mares to pure-bred stock, it would not be long before scrub stallions would be scarcer than hen's teeth.

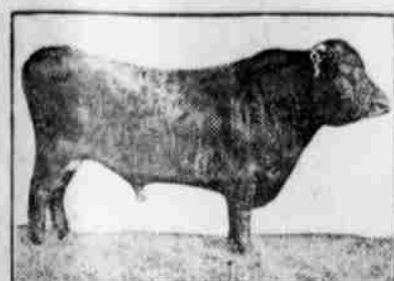


SELECTING SIRE FOR DAIRY

Breeds Standing at the Front in This Country Are Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey and Ayrshire.

In choosing the sire choose one from any dairy breed which may be preferred. The straight dairy breeds that stand in the front in this country are the Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire and Guernsey. There are other good dairy breeds but these are the four oldest and best of all. The choice being made don't change the breed from which the sire is chosen, and exercise great care in choosing the sire.

The individual points of a good dairy sire cannot be given in detail here, but two of these will be mentioned, because they are in a sense, indispensable. The first is the evidences of much stamina and bodily vigor. The second is, an amplitude of soft skin



Splendid Type for Head of Dairy Herd.

on the underline in front of the testicles, distinctly traceable milk veins and miniature teats of good size and wide spacing. The performance of the ancestry of the bull should be examined. The more good performers in the upward line of ancestry the better. Good performance on the part of ancestral dams means the giving of large quantities of milk rich in quality and persistence in milk giving for a long period.

The successive sires should be chosen from the same breed. If chosen from another breed disturbing factors are inevitable. This may not be apparent at the first, but it will later. The antagonism likely to result cannot be explained here. By adhering to this line of breeding the improvement should be rapid and continuous at least for several generations, but the improvement will be less noticeable with each succeeding generation.

CEMENT FLOORS FOR STABLE

Gutters Should Be Laid First With Slight Fall at One End—Use Wooden Trowel for Finishing.

When laying cement floors, gutters should be laid first with a slight fall to one end. These should be 4 to 6 inches deep and 15 to 18 inches wide.

The distance from gutter to stallion should be about 4 feet 6 inches for ordinary cows. Large cows may need 4 feet 10 inches or 5 feet, while small heifers require only a 4-foot stall.

The floor should slope to the gutter from each side. The passage behind the cows should be at least 8 feet wide to allow cows to pass without crowding. The floor should be finished with a wooden trowel rather than a steel one, as the latter makes a smooth, slippery finish that when wet is very difficult for the cows to walk on safely.

If drains are to be laid to carry off the liquid manure or the water used in washing the floors, they must be put in before the floor is laid.

TEST ALL THE DAIRY COWS

Wise Move for Farmer to Send Unprofitable Animals to Butcher—Many Are Mere "Boarders."

If a cow is not well qualified for dairy purposes it does not pay to keep her for dairy purposes. There is economy in testing all the members of dairy herds and sending the unprofitable cows to the butcher.

Farmers in San Joaquin county, Cal., have organized for this purpose. Farm Adviser Lyons, who is directing the efforts of the organization, says: "The movement is one that means a great saving to farmers, and it is bound to spread over the entire state. It will probably be found that 20 and 25 per cent of the cows in the average herd are not paying for their keep. The dairyman will make money by selling these cows for beef."

Vaseline is Beneficial.
Milkers who have difficulty milking dry should rub a little vaseline on their hands. This practice is not a filthy one, as wetting the teats, but has a beneficial effect upon them.

No Best Dairy Breed.
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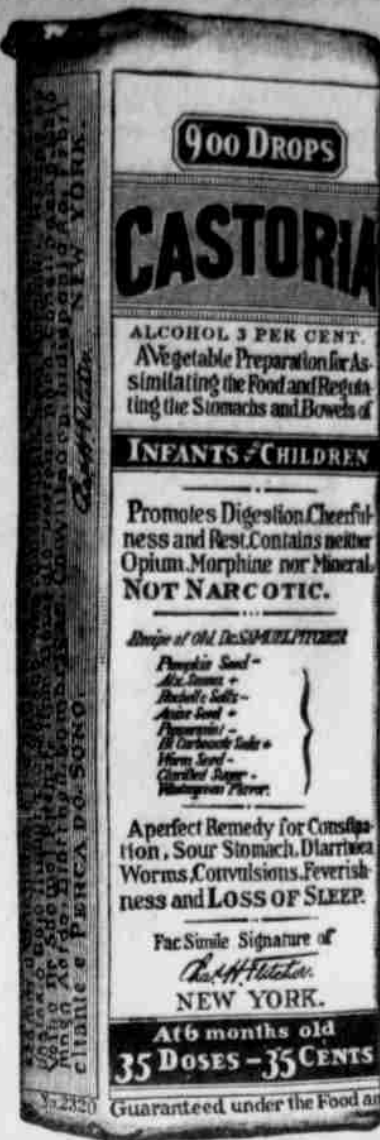
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